

Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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MEDIA RELEASE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING REGARDING OPERATIONS AND THE CORONAVIRUS HEALTH EMERGENCY

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On April 10 Los Angeles County's Public Health Officer revised the Safer at Home Order, extending it through May 15 and highlighting new requirements for essential businesses to provide all employees whose duties require contact with other employees and/or the public with a cloth face covering and requiring members of the public to wear a cloth face covering when entering essential businesses.

All Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (DRP) office locations **remain closed to members of the public until further notice.** However, the department continues to provide services remotely.

Virtual Counter Services

Our Land Development Coordinating Center and Field Office counter services, including general counseling and zoning information, remain available to the public during this time as follows:

• **Telephone:** (213) 974-6411

Email: <u>zoningldcc@planning.lacounty.gov</u>

Website: http://planning.lacounty.gov

• **Direct messaging:** @LACDRP on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram

Members of the public can also apply for entitlements online at http://planning.lacounty.gov/apps as well as download approvals from http://epicla.lacounty.gov.

During this time, all Zoning regulations will continue to be enforced. All zoning enforcement related questions should be directed to zoningenforcement@planning.lacounty.gov.

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Reporting Violations

A complaint regarding possible zoning violations can still be made by any one of the following methods:

- By email to <u>zoningenforcement@planning.lacounty.gov</u>
- By calling the <u>County Helpline 211</u>. Your complaint will be taken down in writing and will be forwarded to all applicable County agencies.
- By mobile application: <u>The Works</u>. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works expanded "The Works" mobile application to include reporting possible property violations. Members of the public can now report excessive vegetation, junk and trash, illegal parking, inoperable vehicles, occupied RVs, and improper placement or usage of- signs or banners. Users can submit a detailed description of a suspected violation and attach a related site photo for reference.

DRP will announce any cancellations or changes to public meetings on a weekly basis. Please check our website http://planning.lacounty.gov/covid19/ for updated details and registration information for each meeting as it becomes available.

As a reminder, regularly scheduled Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission and Hearing Officer meetings will now convene as virtual (online) meetings and by teleconference until further notice. Meeting information is provided below.

As of April 13, the following meetings have been **rescheduled and/or updated** to be held in an **online web format**.

- April 14 Hearing Officer will be held as an online meeting. Members of the public can observe the meeting and provide comment via Zoom at http://zoom.us/j/996906726 (Webinar ID: 996 906 726) or by dialing (669) 900-6833 or (346) 248-7799.
- April 15 Regional Planning Commission will be held as an online meeting.
 Members of the public can observe the meeting and provide comment via Zoom at http://zoom.us/j/545044151 (Webinar ID: 545 044 151) or by dialing (669) 900-6833 or (346) 248-7799.
- April 21 Hearing Officer will be held as an online meeting. Members of the public can observe the meeting and provide comment via Zoom at http://zoom.us/j/996906726 (Webinar ID: 996 906 726) or by dialing (669) 900-6833 or (346) 248-7799
- April 22 Regional Planning Commission will be held as an online meeting.
 Members of the public can observe the meeting and provide comment via Zoom at http://zoom.us/j/545044151 (Webinar ID: 545 044 151) or by dialing (669) 900-6833 or (346) 248-7799.

As of April 13, the following meetings are **cancelled**:

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- April 20 Environmental Review Board
- April 21 Chiquita Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee Meeting
- April 23 Baldwin Hills CSD Community Advisory Panel
- April 23 Oil & Gas Advisory Panel

DRP encourages members of the public to visit the Department of Public Health's website (http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/) for up-to-date, trustworthy information about the coronavirus emergency.

For questions related to development projects and entitlements, please contact our Land Development Coordinating Center at (213) 974-6411.

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